

What is claimed is:

1. A foldable wheelbarrow comprising:
a frame comprising
a wheel mounting assembly having a pair of handles and a
5 kicker, the kicker having a pair of interconnected longitudinally-
extending members each rotatably connected to an associated
handle such that the handles are rotatable between handle
erected and handle folded positions;
a leg assembly having a pair of interconnected longitudinally-
10 extending support members each rotatably connected to the
kicker and rotatable between leg erected and leg folded
positions;
locking means for locking the handles in the erected position;
at least one frame support member each rotatably connected to
15 one handle and to the leg assembly, such that rotation of the
connected handle causes the leg assembly to rotate relative to
the wheel mounting assembly and locking the handle in the
handle erected position causes the leg assembly to lock in the
leg erected position;
20 a wheel rotatably mounted to the wheel mounting assembly; and
a foldable container mounted to the frame such that the container is
erected when the leg assembly is in the leg erected position, and
folded when the leg assembly is in the leg folded position.
- 25 2. The wheelbarrow of claim 1 wherein the locking means comprise
a pair of hinging plates each respectively mounted to one of the
handles and one of the kicker members, the hinging plates each
having slots that align when the handle is in the handle erected
position; and
30 a lockout member engagable with the aligned slots to lock the

plates in place.

- 5 3. The wheelbarrow of claim 1 wherein the container is connected at a front end to the leg members and at a rear end to at least one handle such that rotation of the handles between the handle erected and folded positions cause the container to move between container erected and folded positions.
- 10 4. The wheelbarrow of claim 3 wherein the longitudinally-extending kicker members are interconnected by a pair of transversely-extending members rotatably connected together such that the wheel mounting assembly is rotatable between a laterally erected position and a laterally folded position.
- 15 5. The wheelbarrow of claim 4 wherein the leg longitudinally-extending leg members are interconnected by a pair of transversely-extending members rotatably connected together such that the leg assembly is rotatable between a laterally erected position and a laterally folded position.
- 20 6. The wheelbarrow of claim 5 wherein the handles and kicker members are rotatably connected by a pair of hinging devices, each hinging device comprising a pair of hinging plates each mounted to a respective handle and kicker member and rotatably connected to each other, the two hinging plates each having slots that align when the handle is in the erected position, and each hinging device further comprising a lockout member engagable with the slots to lock the associated handle in the handle erected position.
- 25 7. The wheelbarrow of claim 6 further comprising a transverse stiffener having rotatably interconnected left and right portions each
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rotatably connected to an associated handle and rotatably connected to each other, such that the stiffener is rotatable between a transversely-extending erected position that moves the wheel mounting and leg assemblies into the laterally erected positions, and a folded position that moves the wheel mounting and leg assemblies into the laterally folded positions.

8. The wheelbarrow of claim 7 wherein the lock-out member for each handle hinging device is attached to a location on the stiffener that causes the lockout member to engage the associated handle hinging device when the stiffener is in its erected position, and to disengage the associated handle hinging device when the stiffener is in its folded position.

9. A foldable hand cart comprising:
a frame comprising

a wheel mounting assembly having a handle portion with a pair of interconnected longitudinally-extending members and a wheel mounting portion with a pair of interconnected longitudinally extending members, each wheel mounting member rotatably connected to an associated handle member such that the handle portion is rotatable between handle erected and handle folded positions;

a leg assembly having a pair of interconnected longitudinally-extending support members each rotatably connected to the wheel mounting portion and rotatable between leg erected and leg folded positions;

locking means for locking the handle portion in the erected position;

at least one frame support member each rotatably connected to handle portion and to the leg assembly, such that rotation of the

handle portion causes the leg assembly to rotate relative to the wheel mounting assembly and locking the handle portion in the handle erected position causes the leg assembly to lock in the leg erected position;

5 a pair of wheels rotatably mounted to the wheel mounting portion;
and

a foldable container mounted to the frame such that the container is erected when the leg assembly is in the leg erected position, and folded when the leg assembly is in the leg folded position.

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10. The hand cart of claim 9 wherein the locking means comprise

a pair of hinging plates each respectively mounted to one of the handles and one of the kicker members, the hinging plates each having slots that align when the handle is in the handle erected position; and

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a lockout member engagable with the aligned slots to lock the plates in place.

11. The hand cart of claim 9 wherein the container is connected at a front end to the leg members and at a rear end to the handle portion such that rotation of the handle portion between the handle erected and folded positions causes the container to move between container erected and folded positions.

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